

Today's News - Thursday, February 14, 2008

Bad news day in U.K.: Hadid's Architecture Foundation HQ gets axed. -- Brand new Stephen Lawrence Centre vandalized. -- It's LEED vs. BREEAM in Dubai (Brits lose out). -- An Atlanta developer wants to pave paradise, put up a parking lot - with a library on top (never mind it means razing an award-winning library - that's not even 20 years old!). -- Efforts may prove useless in attempt to save UNLV's first building (even more worrisome: Nevada's state landmarks program has been discontinued). -- Saffron sees Philadelphia bridge plan as "a monument to a lost civic opportunity." -- San Francisco debates affordable housing requirements: will they scare off developers? -- Meanwhile, good design for affordable housing in Los Angeles is winning developers' hearts. -- Melbourne needs more than bars and stores for "affluent idiots" in plans for St. Kilda. -- Morrone on NYC's new love for towers: "humanizing the tall building is the purpose that has become, for the most part, hopelessly unchic" (but at least Stern gets it). -- Anderton chats it up with LACMA luminaries and critics. -- 100 architects to design 100 homes in 100 days in a Chinese desert. -- Hume applauds a chronicler of Toronto who may not be the "conscience of the city, but he might well be its memory." -- CNU XVI will take on the booming metropolis at April conference. -- Inspiring school designs win BCSE 2008 Awards. -- Happy Valentines Day: Do buildings have gender? ("Nobody will ever win the battle of the sexes. There's too much fraternizing with the enemy." ~ Henry Kissinger)

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[The man who lost a legacy: Max Thompson talks to Rowan Moore and other key players after the Architecture Foundation HQ is axed.](#)
-- Zaha Hadid; Will Alsop; Ricky Burdett- The Architects' Journal (UK)

['Racists' vandalise Stephen Lawrence Centre just one week after it opens. Eight windows each worth £15,000 and designed by the Turner prizewinning artist Chris Ofili...were destroyed overnight...being treated as a racist incident.](#) -- David Adjaye [images]- Guardian (UK)

[British firms face Dubai shut out over green codes: ...could lose out on lucrative work after the Emirate's decision to adopt United States sustainability standards...Now, future EHS construction projects must have a LEED-qualified engineer attached to the project.](#) - New Civil Engineer (UK)

[By the book: Buckhead library may be razed: \[its\] unruly character...might help bring about its downfall...developer...offering Fulton County \\$24 million for the 2-acre site...new library would occupy two floors above a parking garage.](#) -- Mack Scogin Merrill Elam Architects (1989) [images]- Atlanta Journal-Constitution

[Efforts to save Frazier Hall reach hurdle, continue on: UNLV plans to raze the building...will allow for a more attractive panoramic view of the campus...Nevada State Historic Preservation Office...cannot process any more applications because the state landmarks program has been discontinued.](#) -- Zick & Sharp Architects (1957); Atomic Age Alliance- The Rebel Yell (University of Nevada, Las Vegas)

[South Street Bridge design forums come too little, too late: ...the odds are that the \[bridge\] will stand as a monument to a lost civic opportunity...We did a lot of sketches, but the city never saw them.](#) By Inga Saffron -- H2L2- Philadelphia Inquirer

[S.F. supervisors, planners spar over developments: ...debated two measures aimed at squeezing more low- and moderate-income housing out of development projects...Those who led the planning effort for the city said Daly's proposal would sink the plan because no developer would be able to create that much affordable housing and still make a reasonable profit.](#) - San Francisco Chronicle

[Affordable by Design: Downtown Developments Prove That Low-Income Projects Can Have High Architectural Standards](#) -- Withee Malcolm Architects; Michael Maltzan; Kivotos Montenegro Partners; Koning Eizenberg Architecture; Killefer Flammang Architects- LA Downtown News

[Op-Ed: Expect the unexpected when changing an iconic locale: The furore over the development of the triangle site in St Kilda is a telling measure of the gentrification of inner-Melbourne...attracts affluent idiots as well as investors...What kinds of places are we making for those who would do more than shop and eat and drink?](#) By Kate Shaw- The Age (Australia)

[At Home Among the Clouds: New York is again reaching for the sky, as the city has perhaps not done since the 1920s...humanizing the tall building is the purpose that has become, for the most part, hopelessly unchic.](#) By Francis Morrone -- Robert A.M. Stern; Emery Roth; Thomas Hastings; Marta Rudzka- New York Sun

[DnA/Frances Anderton: BCAM Comes to Town: It's by a blue-chip architect and filled with blue-chip Modern art. So how is the new BCAM at LACMA? Find out... -- Renzo Piano; Michael Govan;](#)

[Hunter Drohojowska-Philp](#); [Michael Webb](#); [Greg Goldin](#); [Sam Lubell](#); [Jade Chang](#) [images, podcast]- KCRW.org (Los Angeles)

[Herzog picks 100 architects for Inner Mongolia housing project: ...100 up-and-coming architects from around the world to design 100 homes in 100 days for one of the most remote corners of the globe...in Chinese desert region of Ordos -- Herzog & de Meuron; Ai Weiwei; Simon Conder Associates; Eyal Weizman](#)- BD/Building Design (UK)

[Capturing Toronto's grimy past: One chronicler's portraits of lakeside structures makes icons of eyesores, forming record of a smokestack city largely unaware of itself and its history...Peter MacCallum doesn't claim to be the conscience of the city, but he might well be its memory.](#) By Christopher Hume- Toronto Star

[CNU XVI: New Urbanism and the Booming Metropolis, Austin, Texas, April 3-6, 2008](#)- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU)

[BCSE 2008 awards celebrate the best in UK school design and construction -- DSDHA; Studio E Architects; AHMM; Hopkins Architects; B3 Architects; Cull la Tourelle Architects; etc.](#)- British Council for School Environments

[Architecture and Sex: Do buildings have gender? ...many serious architecture scholars are looking closely at the relationship between architecture and human anatomy and human sexuality.](#) By Jackie Craven -- I.M. Pei; Jorn Utzon; Julia Morgan; Walter Gropius/Bauhaus [slide show]- About Architecture

[INSIGHT: Transit-Oriented Design: An Evolution from Societal Convenience to Environmental Solution: TOD is the model for what multi-family housing will look like in the years ahead.](#) By John Burcher, AIA- ArchNewsNow

-- J. Mayer H. Architekten: Cumulus, Danfoss Universe, Nordborg, Denmark
-- Under construction: Eric Owen Moss: Gateway Art Tower, Los Angeles

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